

Docket No. 239707US0



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Manabu SATO, et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/609,401

ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

FILING DATE: July 1, 2003

FOR: A PROCESS FOR PREPARING AN IMMOBILIZED ENZYME

FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated October 10, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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